(f) the steps taken by Government to maintain the temple properly?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Mahabodhi temple at Bodhgaya is not a centrally protected monument. It is managed by the Bodhgaya Temple Management Committee constituted under Bodhgaya Temple Act 1949. In 2000 the temple management committee approached ASI to take up conservation measures and an estimate was approved for Rs. 34,83,300/= against which Rs. 20.00 lakh was deposited by the committee with Archaeological Survey of India. Some items of works indicated in the approved estimate have been executed and more conservation measures are envisaged according to the revised estimate for Rs. 51,76,000/- in July, 2005.

(d) and (e) No plan has been prepared by HUDCO to revamp the temple. As directed by the Ministry of Tourism, HUDCO has prepared a "Site Management Plan".

(f) Day to day maintenance of the temple is taken care of by the Bodhgaya Temple Management Committee, which is constituted by the Government of Bihar.

Heritages of the World

6. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some places of historical and cultural importance have been included in the list of hundred world heritages, of the world which are on the verge of ruin for 2006 by World Monument Fund;

(b) whether Government are taking any initiatives in cooperation with the World Monument Fund for maintenance, protection and management for these heritages;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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(d) whether these heritages can be renovated and given a new look with Government's assistance?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. It is learnt that the World Monuments Fund, a US based non-profit international organization has listed following four sites from India in the 100 Most Endangered Sites in the world for 2006 in their "World Monument Watch":

i) Sumda Monastery and Guru Lakhang, Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir

ii) Watson Hotel, Mumbai, Maharashtra

iii) Dhankar Monestery, Spiti, Himachal pradesh

iv) Dalhousie Square, Kolkata, West Bengal

(b) to (d) The Archaeological Survey of India is taking care and maintaining only centrally protected monuments. None of the above monument/site is centrally protected.

Encroachments in World Heritage Sites

7. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the World Heritage Sites in the country which are being encroached upon or having a risk of their encroachment; and

(b) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to stop and remove such encroachments from the surroundings of these sites or monuments?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Encroachment has been reported at Pre-historic rock shelters Bhimbetka, Distt. Raisen, Madhya Pradesh and Hampi Group of Monuments, Hampi, Karnataka.

(b) The details of encroachment and the steps taken to stop and remove such encroachment from the surroundings of the above monuments/sites is given in the Statement.

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